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## Community School Coordinators Celebrated During Newly-Proclaimed "Coordinators Appreciation Week"

(BOISE) – The Idaho Coalition of Community Schools is joining the Institute of Educational Leadership (IEL) Coalition for Community Schools and the Idaho State Department of Education to celebrate the proclamation of Coordinator Appreciation Week. Superintendent of Public Instruction Debbie Critchfield issued the proclamation on September 19 to help to raise the profile of these valued school employees and the schools they serve.

"I'm proud to add my signature to this initiative to honor community school coordinators around the state of Idaho," said Critchfield. "Community schools are not only an innovative way to better serve students, they are a way to involve the entire community in the education process. Without our dedicated coordinators, none of this would be possible."

Coordinators Appreciation Week is taking place the week of September 17 - 23.

Community school coordinators are considered key to successful community schools, creating, strengthening and maintaining the bridge between a school environment and the communities they reside in. Community schools transform a neighborhood public school into a place where educators, local community members, families and students work together to strengthen the conditions for student learning and healthy development.

"We know that when we make our schools central to a community, both the school and the community benefit in so many ways," said Critchfield. "I'm grateful to the Idaho Coalition for Community Schools and its many partners for encouraging our schools and communities to honor and celebrate their community school coordinators."

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**Attached**: Coordinators Appreciation Week Proclamation from Superintendent of Public Instruction Debbie Critchfield